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1. ANALYSIS OF RECENT SOVIET NAVAL ACTIVITY IN CIENFUEGOS BAY, CUBA, AND CONSTRUCTION ON CAYO ALCATRAZ THERE HAS RESULTED IN THE IDENTIFICATION OF A PROBABLE SUBMARINE DEPLOYMENT BASE. INITIAL SCAN OF OLD HEAD (OH) MISSION G-132, 16 SEPTEMBER 1970, REVEALS THE UGRA SUBMARINE TENDER (PENDANT NO 922) APPROACHING AND LATER MOORED FAST TO FOUR BUOYS IN WATER APPROXIMATELY 50 FEET DEEP IN CIENFUEGOS BAY AT A POSITION APPROXIMATELY 1 NM NORTH OF CAYO ALCATRAZ. SINCE SUBMARINE NETS HAVE BEEN EMPLACED ACROSS THE APPROACH TO THE DEEP WATER BASIN IN WHICH THE MOORING BUOYS AND THE UGRA ARE LOCATED. THE ALLIGATOR LST WAS AT THE POL PIER, AND THE SURA BUOY TENDER AND THE TANKER LIYEPAYA WERE AT ANCHOR IN THE NORTHERN BAY. THE TWO SPECIAL-PURPOSE BARGES REMAINED AT THEIR PREVIOUSLY REPORTED POSITION. THE KRESTA I CLGM AND THE KANIN DDG HAVE DEPARTED.

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2. CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY AT CAYO ALCATRAZ, AN ISLAND IN CIENFUEGOS BAY AT 22-04-30N 80-26-35W, APPEARED TO BE COMPLETE. FACILITIES INCLUDE AN ADMINISTRATIVE AREA, TWO SINGLE-STORY BARRACKS, A SOCCER FIELD, A BASKETBALL COURT, A PROBABLE HANDBALL COURT, AND A PROBABLE VOLLEYBALL OR TENNIS COURT. AN OFFSHORE WHARF AND PROBABLE SWIMMING AREA ARE ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE ISLAND. A PLATFORM TOWER IS JUST SOUTH OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE AREA.

3. THE ENGINEERING OR CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT AND FIVE NON-SOVIET TENTS OBSERVED ON [REDACTED] HAD BEEN REMOVED FROM THE ISLAND.

4. ON [REDACTED] ONLY THE ADMINISTRATIVE AREA AND A PIER ON THE EAST END OF THE ISLAND EXISTED. NO ENGINEERING OR CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY WAS DISCERNIBLE AT THAT TIME.

5. IPIR WILL FOLLOW.

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